

AVALON SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter Friday 25th March 2022



School closes on Friday 1st April and reopens on Wednesday 20th April at the usual time.

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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!



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	St Andrew	St David	St George	St Patrick
	House	Points – This We	ek	
	127	113	190	112
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		Merit Badges		
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Year 4			SS	

Achievement Certificates

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Year 5

Year 6

Reception	АН
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Year 2	C S
	A C
Year 3	ΧF
Year 4	ΕK
Year 5	CR
	E McK
	G F
Year 6	ΙA



Headteacher Awards

School LL, FS, RP, SE, EP, AP, GL, TB, EW, TK,

Council E B, J P.

R H A N

Year 5 E P

T K H E

Mathletics

Pupil of the Week!



Reception to Year 2 O M Year 3 & Year 4 Z B Year 5 & Year 6 R H

Golden Table

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Y3	ΑP	Y4	G L	Y5	ΤP
		Y6	A C		

NEWS. NOTICES & REMINDERS

Tam O'Shanter Root Vegetable Donation



A big thank you to everyone who donated vegetables for Tam O'Shanter farm. The school council had a wonderful day at the farm, learning about all the animals and have named the farm's newest rabbit, Avalon!



Fundraiser for Nathan Young

Easter Chocolate Hampers Raffle & Easter Egg Chick Sale



Following our visit from Nathan Young, a talented young deaf swimmer; the School Council have decided that they would like to fundraise to help support Nathan's training as he prepares to compete in Deaflympics in Brazil in 2023.

School Council will be selling knitted chicks with a cream egg hidden inside for £2.00 each. They will also be selling raffle tickets at £1.00 a strip for the chance to win one of two chocolate hampers.

We still have plenty of Easter chicks and raffle tickets for sale if you would like to purchase any. The raffle prize draw will be held on Friday 1st April.

So far we have raised a fantastic £317.80.



Nathan Young Fundraiser Letter

Red Nose Day 2022



We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated for Red Nose Day.



Book Sale for Ukraine



A big thank you to everyone who purchased books from our book sale in aid of Ukraine.

We raised a fantastic £138.55. Thank you for your donation.



FACE-TO-FACE Reception to Year 6 Parents Consultation Meetings Week Commencing 21st March



Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the parent consultation meetings this week, we hope that you found them informative. Any parents who was unable to attend and would like to meet with their child's teacher, please contact your child's form teacher to arrange an alternative meeting. Progress reports will be send home to any parents/carers unable to attend consultation meetings.

The Great Big School Clean 2022





At Keep Britain Tidy, they believe that no one is too small to make a big difference and when we all come together, that big difference becomes a huge one. At Avalon School, we want to take part in the Great Big School Clean 2022 by each child pledging to pick up one full bag of litter between the dates of 25th March to 10th April.

Keep Britain Tidy say that if every child who attended school in the UK pledged to pick up just one bag of litter during the Great Big School Clean, we could remove 10.3 million bags of litter from our natural environment!

During the first week of the dates above, we will be completing our pledge in school. However, we would love the support from home and to look after our local environment as well, and ask you to help our pledge by picking up litter around where you live. We would love to see any photographs of your hard work.

The Great Big School Clean Letter

Performing Arts Concert Monday 28th March



The children have been practising for our Performing Arts Concert on Monday 28th March. For more information, please see the flyer at the bottom of the newsletter.

We look forward to welcoming you to the performance on Monday at 2pm!

Reception Class Visit to West Kirby Library Tuesday 29th March 2022



We have arranged for the Reception Class to visit West Kirby Library on Tuesday 29th March in the afternoon. We will be leaving school after lunch and will return in time for the usual collection time at the end of the day. During their visit, the children will enjoy a story time session, learn about the library and they will be able to borrow some books.

The children will need to wear their full school uniform, including blazers. Please ensure that your child has suitable footwear and a waterproof coat in case of inclement weather.

To enable your child to attend the visit to West Kirby Library it is important that the consent form is completed and returned to the school office no later than Friday 25th March.

West Kirby Library Letter

Joseph Performance Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st March



Rehearsals for the junior production of "Joseph" are well underway and the children are eager to share with you, what they have learned.

The evening performances on Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st March will begin at 5.45pm (doors open at 5.30pm) and will last for just over one hour. Refreshments will be served in the courtyard area outside the hall before the performances commence.

Tickets are on sale and are at a maximum of 100 tickets per performance. There will be unreserved seating although parents or family members who have disability or health circumstances and require special seating consideration should let the office know when you order your tickets.

Tickets will be £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for children. Any tickets for Avalon children, past or present are free. There will be no limit to the number of tickets that people can purchase. You may, of course, purchase tickets for any of the performances. Payment options are detailed on the order form. The last date to purchase tickets will be Monday 28th March.

Joseph Performance Letter & Order Form

Reception to Year 2 Visit to Liverpool World Museum Thursday 31st March



Following our World Book Day theme of 'The Rainbow Fish', an educational visit to Liverpool World Museum has been booked for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Thursday 31st March 2022. We hope the visit to the Aquarium will enhance the children's learning about life under the sea.

The cost of the trip will be £6.00 which will include the cost of the coach and entry to the museum. The coach, (fitted with seatbelts), will set off from school at approximately 9:15am, please ensure your child arrives to school in plenty of time so we can organise ourselves for departure. The children will return to school in time for lunch.

School uniform must be worn, including blazers but not school hats. There will be no need for the children to bring any spending money.

In order to simplify the arrangements of trips, we will allocate a place for your child and the cost of £6.00, will be added to your summer term invoice. To enable your child to attend the trip to the museum it is important that the consent form below is completed and returned to the school office no later than Monday 28th March 2022.

Liverpool World Museum Trip Letter

Summer Term School Fees Reception to Year 6



The summer term invoices will be emailed to parents/carers shortly. Invoices are due for payment on the first day of the spring term, Wednesday 20th April 2022 unless arrangements have been made to pay by direct debit / payment plan. Thank you.

Nursery and Pre-School invoices for April will be emailed to parents when we return to school in April.

Lunch Menu Next Week



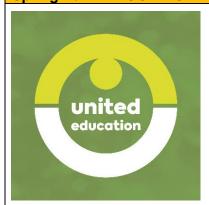
Lunch menu for the week commencing 28th March 2022



Click on the following link for our **Lunch Menus**

Favourite Meal of the Week		
Main	ain Lasagne	
Pudding	Ginger Cake and Custard	

United Education Holiday Club Spring Term – BOOK NOW



We are very excited to announced that in partnership with United Education we will be running a holiday club start this easter break from 4th to 14th April.

The booking system for the easter break is now open, please click on the link below to book a place.

https://booknow.united-education.co.uk/project/26199

Enter the code "PUPIL 10" to take advantage of a 10% discount off the daily rate.

Spring Break Monday 4th to Tuesday 19th April



We will be closing for our Easter Break on Friday 1st April at the usual time and reopening to the children on Wednesday 20th April at the usual time. We hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break with lots of chocolate.



Please note Before and After School care provision will be available as usual, see note below for further information about our wraparound facility.

May Bank Holiday Monday 4th May



School will be closed for the May Day Bank Holiday on Monday 4th May.

Year 6 Residential – Tattenhall Centre Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th May



We have reserved places for a Year 6 residential to the Tattenhall Centre in Cheshire in May 2022. As you will no doubt be aware, we have not been able to run residentials for the previous two years and although the current guidance is for trips to be able to run, if there is any change in guidance in the upcoming weeks then we may need to review our preparations.

All the staff at the centre are suitably qualified to instruct the various activities and all specialist equipment is provided by the centre. The total cost of the visit will be £330 and this will include the cost of all travel, meals, insurances, accommodation, all activities and the use of the facilities. We would like all children to attend the residential as we believe it forms an important part of their social development and will also develop skills in numerous areas including Outdoor Adventurous Activities, which is part of the P.E. curriculum.

We ask that a deposit of £110 is payable to the school office by **Monday 28**th **February 2022** and that the balance of £220 is paid either in full by **25**th **April 2022** or instalments of:

Monday 28 February £110 Deposit Monday 28 March £110 Monday 25 April £110

Year 6 Residential Trip Letter

Class Photographs Tuesday 10th May



Class photographs will be taken on Tuesday 10th May in the morning. More details will be shared with parents after the Easter break.

Parking & Driving Around School



To help keep all members of our school community and our wider community safe please remember not to park on the zig-zag lines outside school when dropping off or picking up children and to aid visibility please avoid parking on the road directly outside school. We would also ask any parents using Warwick Drive to be extra careful and aware of pedestrians using this route to access school.

It would also be much appreciated if parents consider the through traffic along Caldy Road and avoid attempting U-turns in the road. These sorts of manoeuvres in the road can be particularly dangerous for all road users and pedestrians during these busy times of day. Please be mindful when parking and avoid parking across residents driveways.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding as we all adapt to different routines.

Spring Term Extra-Curricular Clubs



Extra-curricular clubs are as follows:

Lower School Clubs (Reception to Year 2)

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
	Ballet	3.05pm to	Rec – Y2
Monday		3.35pm	
ivioriday	Football	3.05pm to	Rec – Y2
		3.35pm	
Wednesday	Construction Club	3.05pm to	Rec – Y2
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Thursday	Dance	3.05pm to	Rec – Y2
Thursday		3.35pm	
Friday	Drama	12.35pm to	Y1 & Y2
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Upper School Clubs (Year 3 to Year 6)

Day	Club	Time	Year Group
	Football	3.40pm to	Y4 - Y6
Monday		4.30pm	
ivioriday	Tinkercard	12pm to	Y6
		12.30pm	
	STEAM	3.40pm to	Y3 - Y6
Tuesday		4.30pm	
Tucsday	Verbal Reasoning	3.40pm to	Y5
		4.30pm	
Wednesday	Joseph	3.40pm to	Y6
vvednesday	Performance	4.30pm	
	Netball	3.40pm to	Y4 - Y6
Thursday		4.30pm	
Thursday	Oliver!	3.40pm to	Y5 & Y6
		4.30pm	
	Drama	10.20am	Y3 & Y4
		to	
		10.45am	
Friday	Drama	12pm to	Y5 & Y6
		12.35pm	
	Chess	3.30pm to	Y3 to Y6
		4.30pm	

To sign up for:

Ballet and Jazz Dance click on this link Ballet and Jazz Dance Sign Up

Football click on this link Football Sign Up

Drama Club click on this link Speech & Drama Sign Up

For all other clubs this is done via Google forms, please click on the links below:

<u>Key Stage 1 Sign Up Form</u> (Reception to Year 2) <u>Key Stage 2 Sign Up Form</u> (Year 3 to Year 6)

IMPORTANT REMINDER Breaktime Snack



We have a number of children in Avalon School with severe allergies. It is vitally important to ensure the health and safety of all the children that only fruit, and vegetables are brought into school for break time snacks.

We have also noticed recently that children are bringing in break time snacks to school which are high in salt, sugar and fat such as salted popcorn, crisps, and other sugary snacks. These snacks are not appropriate to brought into school.

Arriving Late to School



For safeguarding purposes, can we please remind parents that if your child is going to be late for school, that you bring your child to the school office so we can ensure that your child has been signed in.

Start of the Day Arrangements



Before school club is from 7.45am to 8.30am. Children attending before school club should enter the hall via the main school glass entrance doors.

From 8.30am to 8.50am parents may drop children off at the school gate which will be manned by Avalon staff. Alternatively parents and carers who may wish to bring their child onto the school site and drop their child off at the allocated entrance doors.

For reception, Year 1 and Year 2, this will be at the main glass entrance doors. For all Junior children, Year 3 to Year 6, this will be at the front door of the junior building.

Late attendance (after 8.50am). If your child is late coming into school, we then ask that parents ring the intercom for assistance and bring their child directly into the school office for registrations.

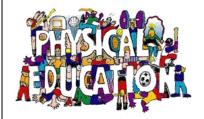
End of the School Day



Children's collection arrangements will be similar to pre-COVID and are detailed below as follows:

Collection Time	Class	Where to collect your child
At the end of nursery or pre- school session or nursery wraparound	Nursery & Pre School	Main nursery entrance doors
3.05pm	Reception	Nursery entrance doors
3.05pm	Year 1	Main school glass entrance doors
3.05pm	Year 2	Nursery entrance doors
3.40pm	Year 3	Junior building front door
3.40pm	Year 4	Junior building front door
3.40pm	Year 5	Main school glass entrance
3.40pm	Year 6	Main school glass entrance

PE Days



Below are the days that the children will be having their PE Lessons. Children should come into school dressed in their full PE kit on their designated PE days. Please could we also request that children have their School Blazer or Waterproof Coat with them, particularly as the weather will soon be turning much cooler. Hats and Caps will not be required on designed PE kit days

Year Group	Days
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Friday

Pre-Loved Uniform



Thank you all for your continued support of Pre-Loved Uniform. We are now in a position to take donations. Please note we no longer accept the P.E uniform.

If you can ensure the donations are clean and in good condition and wearable. Please leave donations with the school office.

If you do need any uniform, please email <u>uniformpta@gmail.com</u> with any queries you may have. We have lots of items in stock.

Thanks again. Pre-Loved ♥

Uniform Supplier

UNIFORMITYSchoolwear

Uniform can be purchased from Uniformity Clothing using the link below: http://www.uniformityschools.com/

Click on the following link for a list fo required uniform items: Uniform List - Nursery to Year 6

Scam Emails Warning



We have been made aware by the Independent Schools Council of recent email scams involving people posing as prospective parents to try to gain access to school details including logo's, email templates etc. This information is then fraudulently used to scam parents into making payments into their accounts. If you do receive an email of this nature or if you are unsure about an email, we would be most grateful if you could contact the school immediately.

Please be assured that our own bank account details have not and will not, for the foreseeable future, change. Avalon School does not send out emails regarding unsolicited discount rates. Any emails you receive containing invoices or statements will be sent from either accounts@avalon-school.co.uk or annevans@avalon-school.co.uk

Term Dates 2021-2022 & 2022-2023



Academic Year 2021-2022

We would like to draw your attention to an additional staff training day on Friday 27th May 2022. As you are probably aware we usually have two staff training days at the start of the academic year, however we had one training day this September and therefore we have booked the reserved training day on Friday 27th May 2022.

Autumn Term 2021			
Staff Training Days	Wednesday 1 st September 2021		
Term Starts	Thursday 2 nd September 2021		
Half-Term	Monday 18 th October to Friday 29 th October 2021		
Ends	Tuesday 14 th December 2021 – 12:30pm Finish		
Spring Term 2022			
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 4 th January 2022		
Term Starts	Wednesday 5 th January 2022		
Half-Term	Monday 21 st February to Friday 25 th February 2022		
Ends	Friday 1 st April 2022 – Normal Finish Time		
Summer Term 2022			
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 19 th April 2022		
Term Starts	Wednesday 20 th April 2022		
May Day	Monday 2 nd May 2022		
Staff Training Day	Friday 27 th May 2022		
Half-Term	Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June 2022		
Ends	Wednesday 13 th July 2022 – Normal Finish Time		

Academic Year 2022-2023

	Autumn Term	
Staff Training Days	Thursday 1 st & Friday 2 nd September 2022	
Term Starts	Monday 5 th September 2022	
Half-Term	Monday 17 th October to Friday 28 th October 2022	
Ends	Tuesday 13 th December 2022 – 12 noon Finish	
Spring Term		
Staff Training Day	Wednesday 4 th January 2023	

Term Starts	Thursday 5 th January 2023
Half-Term	Monday 20 th February to Friday 24 th February 2023
Ends	Friday 31 st March 2023 – Normal Finish Time
	Summer Term
Staff Training Day	Monday 17 th April 2023
Term Starts	Tuesday 18 th April 2023
May Day	Monday 1 st May 2023
Half-Term	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June 2023
Ends	Wednesday 12 th July 2023 – Normal Finish Time



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Tuesday 3 rd to Friday 9 th Year 6 Residential Trip to Tattenhall Centre	Tuesday 3 rd to Friday 9 th	Year 6 Residential Trip to Tattenhall Centre
Tuesday 10 th Class Photographs	Tuesday 10 th	Class Photographs



Should you have any concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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Wellbeing Quote of the Week

